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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, having a period for response set to expire May 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof. Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Remarks begin on page 2.